Use of Haj Terminal at IGIA

2270. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to use the Haj Terminal situated at IGI Airport in New Delhi for domestic services during non-Haj time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government have taken to meet the growing need of domestic airways in the wake of heavy air traffic at Delhi Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi has been restructured and handed over to a Joint Venture Company-M/s Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) for expanding and modernising it. DIAL has drawn out a Master Plan for it. By mid-2008, construction of a new domestic arrival terminal along with the expansion of terminal IA for all departures will be completed. A new runway parallel to the existing main runway (10-28) will also be ready. A new Integrated Terminal will also come up by 2010 with a capacity to cater to 37 million passengers annually which incidentially is the projected traffic demand by 2010.

Shortage of pilots and aircrafts

2271. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the volume of passenger traffic is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each airport for the last two years;

(c) whether there is a shortage of pilots and aircrafts in the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken to ensure that the industry does not suffer on account of this shortage?